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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner:

As an individual who is very concerned about the safety of the food I choose to eat, I have been following the ongoing debate over labeling, specifically in regard to genetically altered products. I feel quite strongly that it is my right as a consumer to know if the food I am eating has been genetically altered. I believe that such foods pose unknown risks to the environment, family farmers, my health and the health of those I love.

I understand that in May a lawsuit was filed challenging the FDA's policy not to require labels on transgenic foods. Therefore, I am writing in support of the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing as well as complete and prominent labels. We, as consumers, should not be the involuntary guinea pigs for the industry's experiments with potentially dangerous "foods." Especially since such experiments favor profits over health (environmental, workers and consumers).

Please ensure that the FDA is acting in accordance with its mandate to protect public health and therefore make sure consumers are provided with the information we need about the food we purchase.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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